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## **AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Commissioner of Patents Box: Non-Fee Amendment Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 8, 2002, please amend the aboveidentified application as provided below.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the specification with the clean version (substitute specification) submitted in Exhibit A. A marked-up copy of the specification showing all changes made in strike-throughs and underlining, is attached as Exhibit B. For the Examiner's convenience, a photocopy of the of the specification as filed that includes all handwritten changes made during the PCT phase of this application is attached as Exhibit C.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 9 as follows: (a marked-up version is shown in Exhibit D).

9. (Amended) A method according to claim 8,

wherein said coating with said intermediate coating layer is done by a hot dip

operation.